

Roxbury, Feb. 16, 1877.

My dear Wendell:

I believe I have not written to you since the receipt of your letter of the 9th.

It seems that you cordially approve, with George, William, Frank and Fanny, my taking a transatlantic trip during the summer. Long prolonged as is the misery of an ocean voyage whenever I attempt it, I should dearly like to see my English and Scotch friends once more; but I am too debilitated now, by my kidney trouble and other physical ailments, to think of seriously entertaining the proposition. I would like to gratify Frank, whose heart is set upon my going, and upon going with me; for I certainly could not be induced to take the voyage alone. I will see how I feel in May.

All the children but yourself are strongly in favor of my remaining at the homestead, and not renting it; yet, if it could be sold for anything like its real value, I should be inclined to favor its transfer. But this is out of the question at present.

It is not likely that any one can be found willing to take a lease of it for only three months - the time Frank stipulates for the consummation of the trip.

I am made very happy by having darling Helen with me again, and she seems to be equally so.

My right eye is quite sore and inflamed, rendering my sight very indistinct. This must be my apology for sending you so brief a letter.

Most affectionate regards to Lucy, and children, and Mrs. McKim.
Your loving Father

B William and Ellie will
remain in Auburn until next
Sunday evening. Everything is
going on nicely at their home.

